



South Wye Team Ministry Newsletter

**7th Sunday of Easter
16th May 2021
(Ascension Sunday)**

Hello. I hope that you are keeping safe and well.

I'm writing this (I'm a bit late this week, I'm afraid) on Ascension Day. There are many traditions associated with this day – perhaps you remember a half day at school or a dawn service – and a new tradition is emerging in the wider Church. Christians worldwide will be taking place in the sixth Thy Kingdom Come – a global ecumenical prayer movement for evangelisation, occurring annually from Ascension to Pentecost (13th – 23rd May this year).

From outdoor Pentecost celebrations to prayer walking in the local community, continuous prayer events (online and in person) to family-friendly services, churches worldwide are taking part in a variety of innovative ways adapting to COVID-19 context. There are continuous prayer events online, using the Upper Room, a virtual prayer room resource created by 24-7 Prayer – based on the Book of Acts. There is an interactive, fun-filled Escape Room, with Winchester Diocese called 'CaThedral PuRRsuits', designed to appeal to all, including those on the fringes of faith. The Escape Room is suitable for all the Church family and beyond, including youth groups (online).

With a presence in more than 170 countries worldwide, Thy Kingdom Come continues to grow internationally, with resources being translated in-country into languages such as Finnish (Finland); Maori (New Zealand) Korean (Korea.), Tamil and Sinhala (Sri Lanka) and Cantonese (Hong Kong). Key resources continue to be translated centrally (in the UK) into French, Spanish and Portuguese. This year, Christians in countries as diverse as Sudan, Greece, Sri Lanka, Japan, Australia, Canada, Trinidad, America, South Africa, Brazil and Burundi will be involved.

One of the first 'Thy Kingdom Come' activities, and one that I continue each year, is to pray, by name, for 5 people to come to faith. Who will you be praying for?

This week's newsletter includes material about Thy Kingdom Come and links to online resources, as well as resources based on Ascension Day and on the readings for the 7th Sunday in Easter. It's a bit busy and there's a lot going on – but underneath the hectic-ness it's actually fairly simple. All of the exciting resources and hundreds of words to bring us to the same point. To pray for one another and witness to Jesus.

I hope that your week isn't too hectic and that you are able to find a little peace amongst the busy-ness.

With every blessing,

Anne
07864938898

Family and Community News

Whilst the restrictions gradually lift, we are replacing the Facebook Coffee Morning on a Tuesday with Rule of Six in person coffees – please contact Jo if you would like to join a 'six' and also if you are still unable to get out and about and would like to participate in another way, so that we can keep in touch.

The Wednesday crafting group would like to have a **Christmas installation at St Martin's**. We need knitters, and help from gents and ladies with carpentry skills, and ideas. A suggestion is that we incorporate knitted scarves which could be distributed after Christmas to those in need, once washed and dried!

If you would like to be involved please contact Sue Cockroft or Jackie Neville, we can supply yarn.

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I hope that you are enjoying our monthly Aspiration magazine during lockdown. If you are not receiving one and would like to, please leave a message on the office phone (01432 353717) and we will try to put you on our distribution list. Our distributors are obviously unable to collect any money at the moment but if you would like to put the money into the Team Office letter box that would be very helpful. Otherwise we will see you when circumstances allow.

Gillian

St Martin's Food Share

The St Martin's Food Share is going from strength to strength, helping more people each week. We have been given the opportunity to collect more waste food from across the City on Monday and Friday mornings, but David can't do it all by himself!

We are looking for someone or a team of people to volunteer to collect from supermarkets north of the river on Monday morning and deliver it to St Martin's Church by 9:30am. The timings are a bit more relaxed on Friday, but some stores require collection before 10am. If you can help please drop David a line on 07563 382872 or david.bland@hereford.anglican.org. Thank you.

David

Sorry that we're a bit late, but many happy returns to Jean for last Monday!

For our Prayers

Those who are ill or in need of your prayers, including:

Gaynor C	Ann W	Carol	Lee	Roger	Dot G	Marcia R
Oliver	Chrissie	Hana	Joe D	Nick D	Brenda B	Immie B
Bob	Harry	Viv	Helen	Barbara W	Andrea	Marie
Emma	Daphne	Yvonne	Rob	Marian	Doris	David
Gwenda	Tony	Ian				

Those who have died and those who mourn their loss:

Win	Sylvia	John	Michael	Gerry	Angela	'Eddie'
Dora	Phoebe	Adrian	Lily	Brian		

Anglican Communion The Anglican Church of Korea

Porvoo England: Guildford – Bishop Andrew Watson, Bishop Jo Wells; Denmark: Viborg – Bishop Henrik Stubkjær.

Hereford Pontesbury Deanery: Rural Dean – William Rowell; Lay Co-Chair – Mike Kirk; Sub-Warden of Readers – Nancy Cleaton; Deanery Secretary - Ann Jones; Deanery Treasurer - Richard Jones; Intergenerational Missioner - Mark Hackney.

South Wye: Please pray for those who live in Hunderton

The Wider View:

Pray for all who teach around the world, including the teachers, other staff and students in our Tanzanian link schools. Covid has halted or greatly impaired education in many parts of the world, and many children and young people will find it hard to catch up, and to replace the learning time they have lost.

This Week

This Sunday is **National Children's Day**, whose aim is to promote the importance of a healthy childhood, and our need to protect the rights and freedoms of children, so they can grow into happy, healthy adults.

Monday begins **Dementia Action Week**. Pray for all living with forms of dementia, and that we may take seriously the need to be dementia-friendly in our churches and communities. Pray too for those caring for a family member or friend with dementia, that they may receive the help and support they need.

National **Learning at Work Week**, beginning on Monday, aims to celebrate lifelong learning, and to establish learning cultures in the workplace. Give thanks for all that can encourage a spirit of discovery and keep us looking forward, and for every opportunity to acquire new skills. Pray too for those who have lost jobs over the past year, and needing to re-skill in order to move to a new area of employment.

Friday this week is the **World Day for Cultural Diversity**, as called by the United Nations Organisation. This year's Day follows a year in which many cultural events have been cancelled and cultural institutions closed. The day emphasizes diversity as one of the riches of humanity. However, it is said that three-quarters of the world's conflicts have a cultural aspect, so that we should understand and respect one another's cultures and beliefs is surely vital to the cause of world peace.

Alcuin, whose day falls on Thursday, was an adviser to Charlemagne and later Abbot of Tours, and was both a poet and an influential composer and reviser of liturgy. Pray for all today who work to develop liturgy and ensure that the words we use in worship are relevant both to the historic faith and to the present day situations in which we minister.

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts;
Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil;
Eternal Power, be our support;
Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us: that with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek thy face,
and be brought by thine infinite mercy to thy holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Alcuin of York

Collect

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.



The Thy Kingdom Come prayer journal is enclosed with this newsletter
– find more resources at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Thy Kingdom Come is all about praying for people to come to know the amazing, life-transforming love of Jesus. We encourage everyone to choose 5 people they know, and pray for them throughout the 11 days and beyond! There are so many ways you can pray for your 5. You can use a band and tie 5 knots, each one representing one of your 5. Or maybe each time you drink a cup of tea or coffee, you could remember to pray? You could write their names on your bathroom mirror, or in a little card, to help remind you to pray throughout the day. Or perhaps you could pray during your daily exercise such as running or walking.

Services on-site, online and on TV and Radio For the week beginning 16th May, Easter 7

South Wye Services

Through the Week:

- 8.00 am Morning Prayer from Common Worship – on St Martins Facebook page
8.00 pm Night Prayer from Common Worship – on St Martins Facebook page

Sunday 16th May 2021;

- 9.30 am Holy Communion at St Martins
11:15 am Holy Communion at St Peter's Bullinghope

The 9.30 am service will be streamed on St Martin's Facebook page and an edited version, with hymns added will be available on the St Martins and the St Peter's Facebook pages and the St Martins YouTube channel later in the day.

Thursday 20th May: 10:00am My Perspective – on St Martin's Facebook page

Diocese of Hereford

Diocese of Hereford Facebook: Sunday Service 10am.

Diocese Freephone Prayerline: Dial 0800 304 7052 to hear a prayer.

Church of England

National Weekly Service Facebook at 9:00am.

TV and Radio on Sunday 16th May;

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| BBC H&W | 8am | Sunday Worship. |
| Radio 4 | 8.10 am | Sunday Worship – A Name above all Names. Rt. Rev. Jan McFarlane reflects on the Ascension of Christ. |
| BBC 1 | 10.30am | Sunday Morning Stories – with Rev Kate Bottley |
| BBC 2 | 1:15 pm | Songs of Praise – Exeter. Aled Jones visits Exeter and Yolanda Brown meets a woman helping dementia sufferers stay active. |

The Church of England website has audio and text of the Prayer for the Day.

Prayer for the Nation

In response to reaching the terrible milestone of 100,000 deaths from COVID-19, the Archbishops invite all to call on God in Prayer. We invite you to set aside time every evening to pray, particularly at 6pm each day. More than ever, this is a time when we need to love each other. Prayer is an expression of love. Find more details at [churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation](https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation)

Readings for Easter 7

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-End

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."

²¹Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²²beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

²³So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs." ²⁶Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1

¹Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked

or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

²but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.

³That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

⁴Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

John 17: 6-19

⁶"I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³"I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

Bible Study on John 17:6-19

Explore and respond to the text

Start by reading the Bible notes below. You may want to read them more than once, or pause after each paragraph to reflect on what you have read.

Bible notes

This passage is taken from the account of Jesus' last words to his disciples at the supper before his arrest. He prays for those he will shortly leave through his Passion. There are echoes of the Lord's Prayer in Jesus' address to God as 'Father' (v.5ff) and his prayer for protection from worldly powers of hatred and evil (vv.11,14,15; cf 16.1-2). It is as if Jesus looks for the coming of God's kingdom in the unity, joy and faithfulness of his disciples (vv.11,13,17).

Throughout his Gospel, John reframes the humiliation and tragedy of Jesus' brutal execution. He likens it to the liberating sacrifice of the Passover Lamb (1.29), or the healing serpent that Moses raised up in the desert (3.14), or the tender care of the shepherd (10.11ff), or the fruitful seed that falls into the ground and dies (12.24ff), or the slave's washing of feet (13.1ff). Here the death that takes Jesus away from his friends is his prayer for them, and for all who will believe through their testimony (17.20-26). Anxious as they are in the absence of Jesus, his Passion-as-prayer is the triumph of God's love for the world over the destructive powers of evil.

John's audience naturally hears these words as coming from the crucified and risen Christ. Not only does Jesus pray for them, He also prays with them as they are drawn into the offering of His whole life. Here, then, is a new perspective on what it means to 'ask in my name': it is to allow our life to be moulded by the vision that shapes his Passion.

Reflection

Spend a few moments thinking about what stands out for you from the Bible reading. This idea may help.

There is an annual 'litter pick' in the Yorkshire village of Wombledon. The children dress as Wombles and there is always a communal lunch. The problem is, the event coincides with the morning service at the parish church – which is in the next village. What should you do? Go to church and forget about the litter pick? Go to church, having given your apologies and offered to litter pick at another time? Go to the litter pick and see it as part of your 'worship and prayer' for the community? Get everyone from church to join in the litter pick? How do we square 'They do not belong to the world' with 'So I have sent them into the world'? How did Jesus, whose authority did not come from this world, live fully as part of it? Can an action such as communal litter picking be an act of Christian worship and prayer?

Questions for reflection

You may wish to use these questions to help you think about or discuss issues of sharing.

- How does prayer help you in uncertain times?
- How would you describe the potential of prayer?

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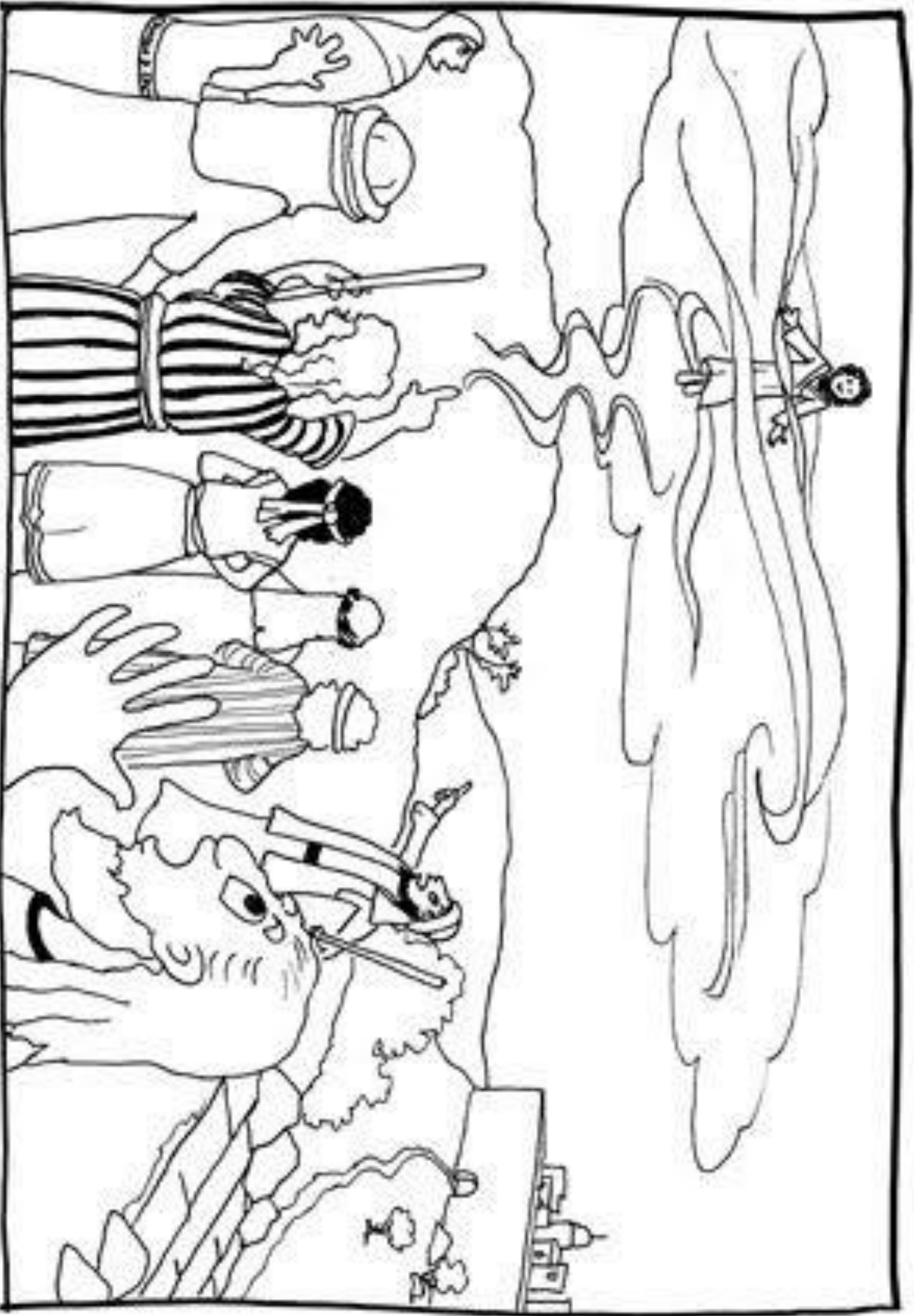
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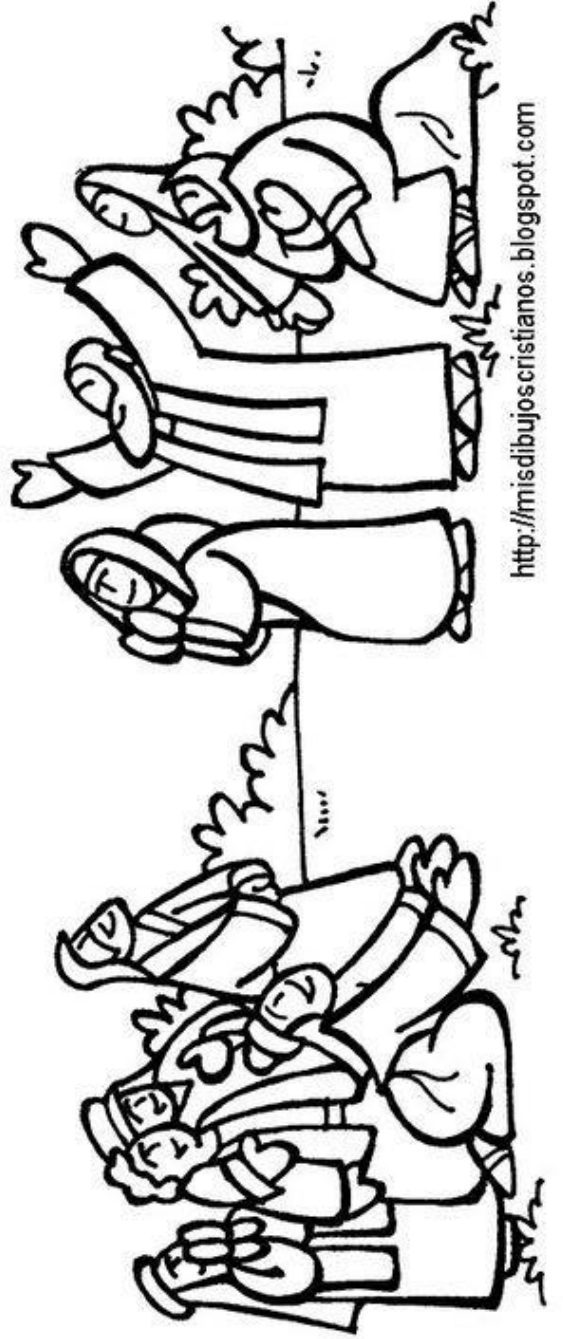
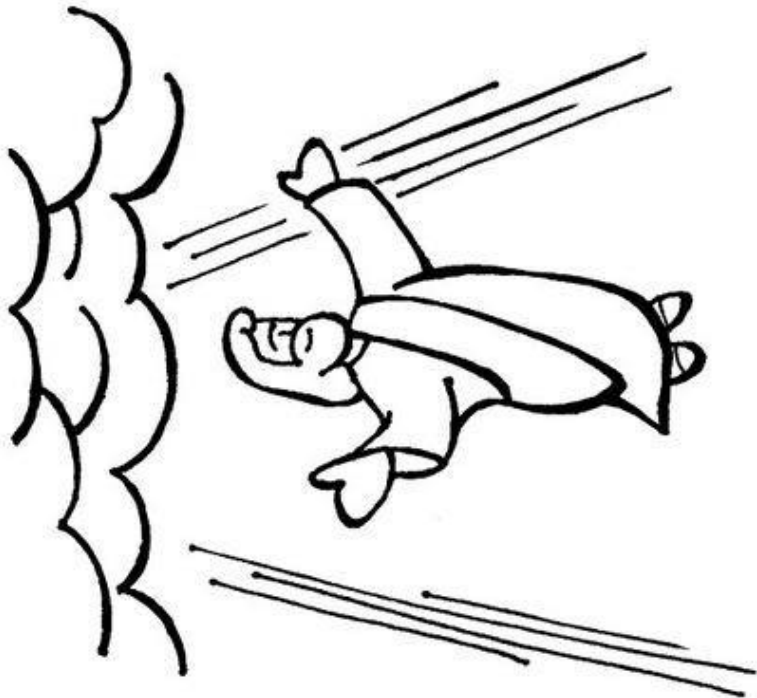
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Wordsearch (based on John 17: 6-19)

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